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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST PRIORITY

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BELGRADE FOR AGRIC ATTACHE FROM HUME, FAS/USDA

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SUBJ: SECRETARY BUTZ'S PROGRAM IN ROMANIA

REF: BUCHAREST 5706

1. PROGRAM REPORTED REFTEL ESSENTIALLY COMPROMISE DEvised BY ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE ICHIM AND EAO BROWN, USDA, NECESSITATED BY CHANGE IN TIMING SEC BUTZ'S VISIT. USDA AGREES TO PROGRAM, WITH MINOR SUGGESTIONS: FRI., NOV 21 1300-LUNCHEON AT HOTEL; 1415-BRIEFING SESSION FOR SEC BUTZ AND PRINCIPALS PRIOR TO AFTERNOON MEETINGS; 1700-TOUR OF BUCHAREST SHOULD BE BRIEFEST; OTHERWISE TIME COULD BE UTILIZED FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SEC BUTZ AND CHARGE VIETS. SAT., NOV 22 1030-VISIT BARCANESTI BEEF FEED LOT ONLY, GREENHOUSES OF MINOR INTEREST. NO OTHER CHANGES RECOMMENDED.

2. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S INITIATIVE IN PRODDING MIN AGR ON SEC BUTZ'S INTEREST IN PRESS CONFERENCE, AND DESIRE TO CALL
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ON PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU. THE SEC WILL ACCEPT ANY PROGRAM

CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE THESE EVENTS.

3. LIST OF ROMANIAN OFFICIALS MOST USEFUL.

4. PROGRAM FOR LADIES SHOULD BE LIGHT--SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING.

5. AMBASSADOR BARNES MET WITH SEC BUTZ NOV 6, AND ASSURED HIM THAT HE WOULD BE IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF. THE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT IS VERIFIED BY UNDER SEC CAMPBELL'S DELIGHTFUL VISIT LAST MAY. USDA APPRECIATES THE EMBASSY'S EXCELLENT COOPERATION. INGERSOLL

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